GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF ASHRAM BUILDING
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals of Government of Madhya Pradesh to complete the construction of 130 Ashram buildings are lying pending with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the time by which the said proposals are likely to be approved by the Union Government;

(c) the amount earmarked for construction of Ashram building in Madhya Pradesh during the current financial year;

(d) the time by which the above amount is likely to be released to the Government of Madhya Pradesh;

(e) whether the Union Government has fixed any time limit to complete the construction work of the said Ashrams; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS(SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH)

(a) & (b) : No, Sir. During 2002-03, a total of 130 Ashram Schools were sanctioned to State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh with total central share of Rs. 2354.80 lakh of which, so far, an amount of Rs. 2217.82 lakh has been released.

(c) & (d) In the current year no specific State-wise allocation of funds under the scheme of Ashram Schools in TSP Area have been made. The grant-in-aid is released only to the States whose proposals are complete in all respects i.e. availability of land free of cost, confirmation about availability of 50% State share, utilization certificate and physical progress reports in respect of proposals already sanctioned in previous years and the availability of funds. Accordingly in 2007-2008, a total amount of Rs. 673.81 lakh was released to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh of which Rs. 273.81 lakh was towards completion of the already sanctioned proposal of 130 Ashram Schools of 2002-03 and Rs. 400.00 lakh was for the construction of 20 new Ashram Schools.

(e) & (f) No specific time limit has been provided under the existing scheme for completion of construction work of the Ashram Schools. However, process has been initiated to fix a time limit of two years for construction of new Ashram Schools.